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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 6035

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: RH, BE, AS  
SUBJ: RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICE

REF: STATE 202727

1. PM FRASER AND FONMIN PEACOCK ARE STRONGLY COMMITTED TO CLOSING THE RIO IN SYDNEY IN SPITE OF STRONG BACK-BENCH OPPOSITON FROM CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT. DFA IS CURRENTLY DRAFTING LEGISLATION WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT SESSION (MID-DECEMBER 1977), WHICH WILL MAKE IT ILLEGAL FOR A RIO REPRESENTATIVE TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE RHODESIAN REGIME, AND ILLEGAL FOR HIM TO ACT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OR REPRESENT HIMSELF AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGIME. THIS WILL PUT GOA IN COMPLIANCE WITH UNSC RESOLUTION 409.

2. FRASER WILL PRESENT BILL AS NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR AUSTRALIA TO COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND UN OBLI-  
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GATIONS, NOT AS A SIMPLE QUESTION INVOLVING HUMAN RIGHTS. ALTHOUGH LAW WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY PASS PARLIAMENT DURING THIS SESSION, THERE IS A CAHNCE THAT THE COALITION WILL NEED ALP SUPPORT. THIS SUPPORT WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

3. THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS WILL

FUND A RIO IN AUSTRALIA. WHILE THIS WOULD NOT RPT NOT  
VIOLATE AUSTRALIAN LAW, THE OFFICE'S ACTIVITIES WOULD BE  
CAREFULLY MONITORED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER UNOFFICIAL RIO  
WAS ACTING IN ACCORD WITH AUSTRALIAN INTERESTS. GOA  
WOULD ALSO ALMOST CERTAINLY REFUSE ENTRY OF RHODESIAN  
NATINALS FOR THE OFFICE AND PERHAPS REFUSE TO RENEW THE  
VISA FOR THE PRESENT INCUMBENT.  
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